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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FRENCH PROPOSAL RE NORTH CORRIDOR

REF: A. STATE 77409

B. BONN 2113

1. ON APRIL 18 BERLIN AIR COORDINATING COMMITTEE APPROVED AEG  
TELEFUNKEN AS CONTRACTOR FOR MODERNIZATION OF AIR TRAFFIC  
COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES OF AIR TRAFFIC AGENCIES IN BERLIN, I.E.  
BASC, BARTCC, TEGEL AIS, TEMPELHOF AIS, AND GATOW OPERATIONS.  
SINCE THEN CONTRACTOR HAS VISITED EACH AGENCY IN ORDER TO DEVELOP  
SCHEME FOR CENTRAL DATA BANK, INFORMATION TERMINALS AT EACH  
LOCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS LINES AMONG VARIOUS AGENCIES. UNDER  
PROPOSED SCHEME, FLIGHT PLANS WOULD BE TRANSMITTED FROM THREE  
WEST BERLIN AIRFIELDS TO CENTRAL DATA BANK, FROM WHICH BARTCC AND  
BASC WOULD DRAW INFO FOR THEIR OPERATIONS. INFORMATION TERMINALS  
(SCREEN AND KEYBOARD) WOULD BE INSTALLED AT EACH OF THREE  
WESTERN ALLIED DUTY CONTROLLER POSITIONS IN BASC. TECHNICAL  
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ARRANGEMENTS IN BASC, PROPOSED BY AEG TELEFUNKEN, WOULD GIVE

EACH CONTROLLER ACCESS TO ALL FLIGHT INFORMATION IN DATA BANK.

2. OBVIOUSLY THIS ARRANGEMENT, IF ESTABLISHED, WOULD DEPRIVE FRENCH OF THEIR LEVERAGE TO PRESS FOR ASSUMPTION OF BASC CONTROLLER RESPONSIBILITY FOR NORTH CORRIDOR. NEW FACILITIES WOULD SUBSTITUTE FOR ADDITIONAL DIRECT TEGEL-BASC TELEPHONE LINES, INSTALLATION OF WHICH FRENCH HAVE BEEN HOLDING UP IN ORDER TO BRING BRITICH AROUND ON NORTH CORRIDOR ISSUE.

3. FACED WITH SITUATION WHERE THEIR POSITION MAY BE OVERTAKEN BY NEW TECHNOLOGY, FRENCH CONCEIVABLY MAY TRY TO BLOCK MODERNIZATION PROGRAM AS PROPOSED. FOR THEIR PART, BRITISH MAY NO LONGER FEEL INCLINED ON THIS GROUND VOLUNTARILY TO RELINQUISH CONTROL OF NORTH CORRIDOR, SINCE TEWEFUNKEN PLAN WOULD PROVIDE IDENTICAL INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR SAFE, EFFICIENT OPERATIONS TO ALL THREE WESTERN ELEMENTS. CONTRACTOR HAS INDICATEDSDATE OF AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER FOR DESIGN AND PROGRAMMING OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE. ANYSSUBSEQUENZ REVISION WOULD INCREASE COST AND DELAY PROJECT, WHICH IN TURN, COMPOUNDS PROBLEM OF CURRENT USAF MODERNIZATION OF BARTCC.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT OF BONN MAY BE ABLE TO SHED ON STATUS THIS SUBJECT SINCEDECISIVE STAGE RAPIDLY APPROACHING.

FOR OUR PART, WE WOULD HOPE BRITICH COULD STILL BE PERSUADED TO GIVE FRENCH NORTH CORRIDOR ROLE IN RECOGNITION NEW TEGEL RESPONSIBILITIES AND FOR SAKE OF GOOD TRIPARTITE WORKING RELATIONS. GGEORGE

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